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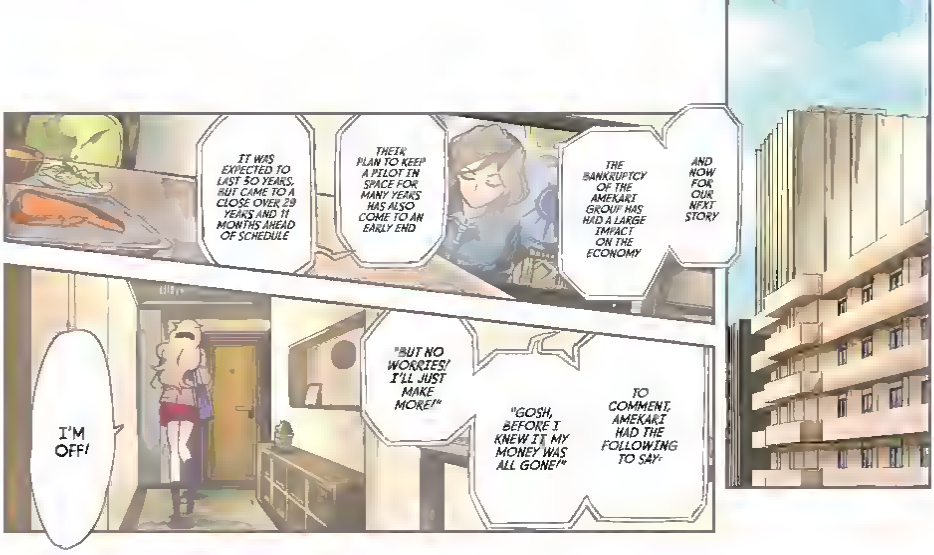
IT WAS EXPECTED TO LAST 50 YEARS, BUT CAME TO A CLOSE OVER 29 YEARS AND 11 MONTHS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE
THEIR PLAN TO KEEP A PILOT IN SPACE FOR MANY YEARS HAS ALSO COME TO AN EARLY END
THE BANKRUPTCY OF THE AMEKARI GROUP HAS HAD A LARGE IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY
AND NOW FOR OUR NEXT STORY
I'M OFF!
"BUT NO WORRIES! I'LL JUST MAKE MORE!"
"GOSH, BEFORE I KNEW IT MY MONEY WAS ALL GONE!"
TO COMMENT, AMEKARI HAD THE FOLLOWING TO SAY:

GOOD MORNING, ENA-CHII! WELCOME BACK!
GOOD MORNING! HAPPY TO BE BACK

-SAN
WITH A SMILE!
THANK YOU!!
LISTENING
YU HOKUO

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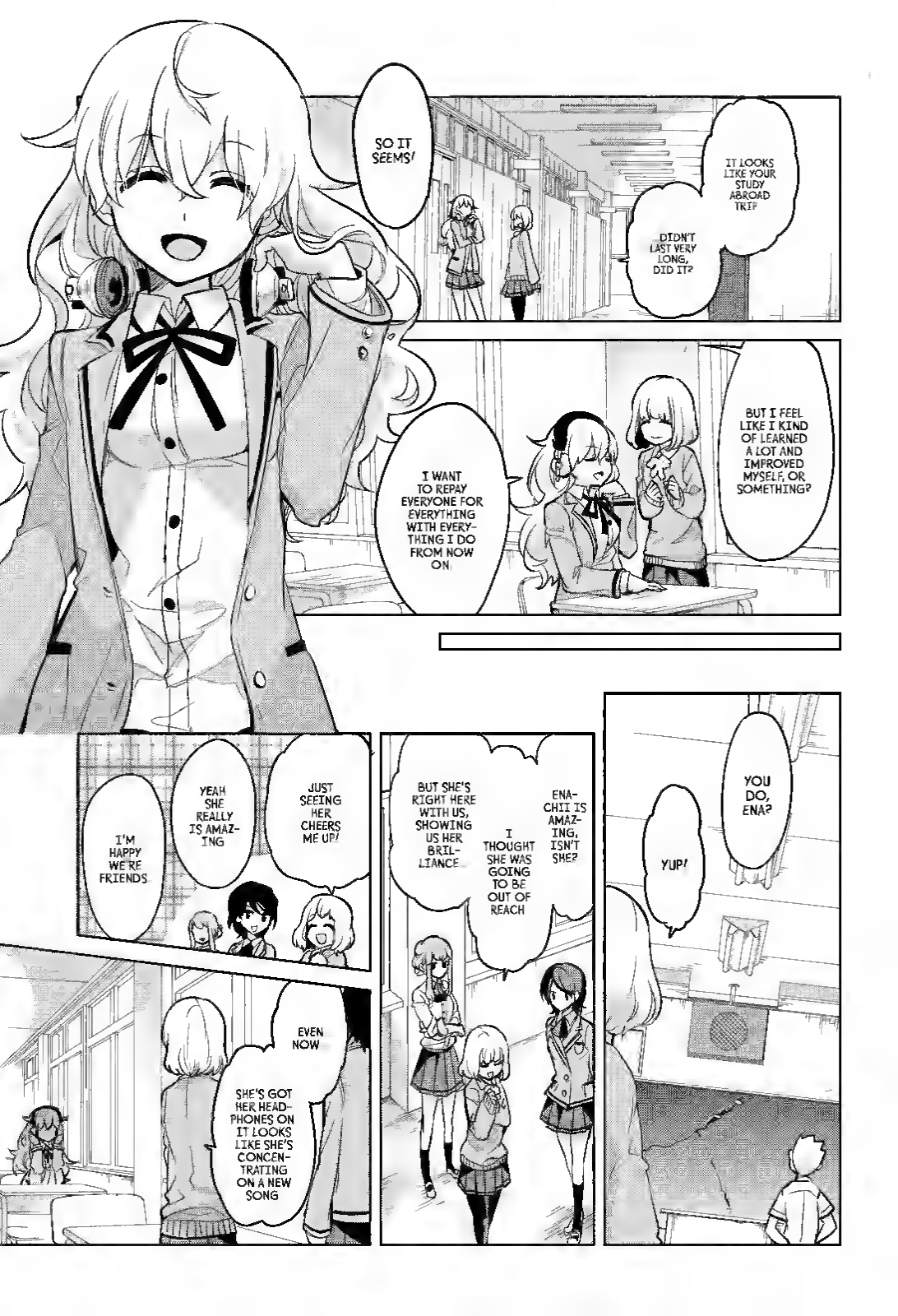
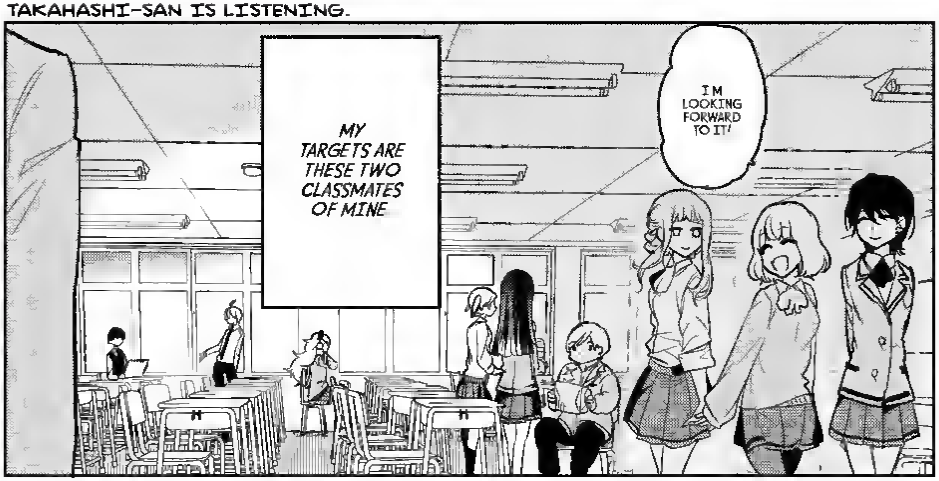

SO IT SEEMS!
IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR STUDY ABROAD TRIP DIDN'T LAST VERY LONG, DID IT?
BUT I FEEL LIKE I KIND OF LEARNED A LOT AND IMPROVED MYSELF, OR SOMETHING?
I WANT TO REPAY EVERYONE FOR EVERYTHING WITH EVERYTHING I DO FROM NOW ON.
YOU DO, ENA?
YUP!
ENA-CHII IS AMAZING, ISN'T SHE?
I THOUGHT SHE WAS GOING TO BE OUT OF REACH
BUT SHE'S RIGHT HERE WITH US, SHOWING US HER BRILLIANCE
JUST SEEING HER CHEERS ME UP!
YEAH SHE REALLY IS AMAZING
I'M HAPPY WE'RE FRIENDS.
EVEN NOW
SHE'S GOT HER HEADPHONES ON IT LOOKS LIKE SHE'S CONCENTRATING ON A NEW SONG

NO SOUND
HMM?
AND THEN...
MY HOBBY
...HAS ALWAYS BEEN EAVES-DROPPING
A NEW SONG, HUH? I SEE...
I WOULD HATE TO BOTHER HER.
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF SONG IT IS


MY TARGETS ARE THESE TWO CLASSMATES OF MINE
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!

"LIFE IS BEST WHEN YOU ALMOST MAKE IT, BUT ULTIMATELY DON'T."
THERE'S THE CLASS REPRESENTATIVE, NARA-KUN
HE'S FAMOUS AT OUR SCHOOL
...FOR BEING SO SERIOUS

YUP, YUP
THAT'S MY PERSONAL MOTTO.
BUT HIS QUICK WIT WITH HIS FRIENDS IS SECOND TO NONE
THEN THERE'S MIKAGE-KUN
HE'S THE MOST UNOBTRUSIVE MEMBER OF OUR WHOLE CLASS

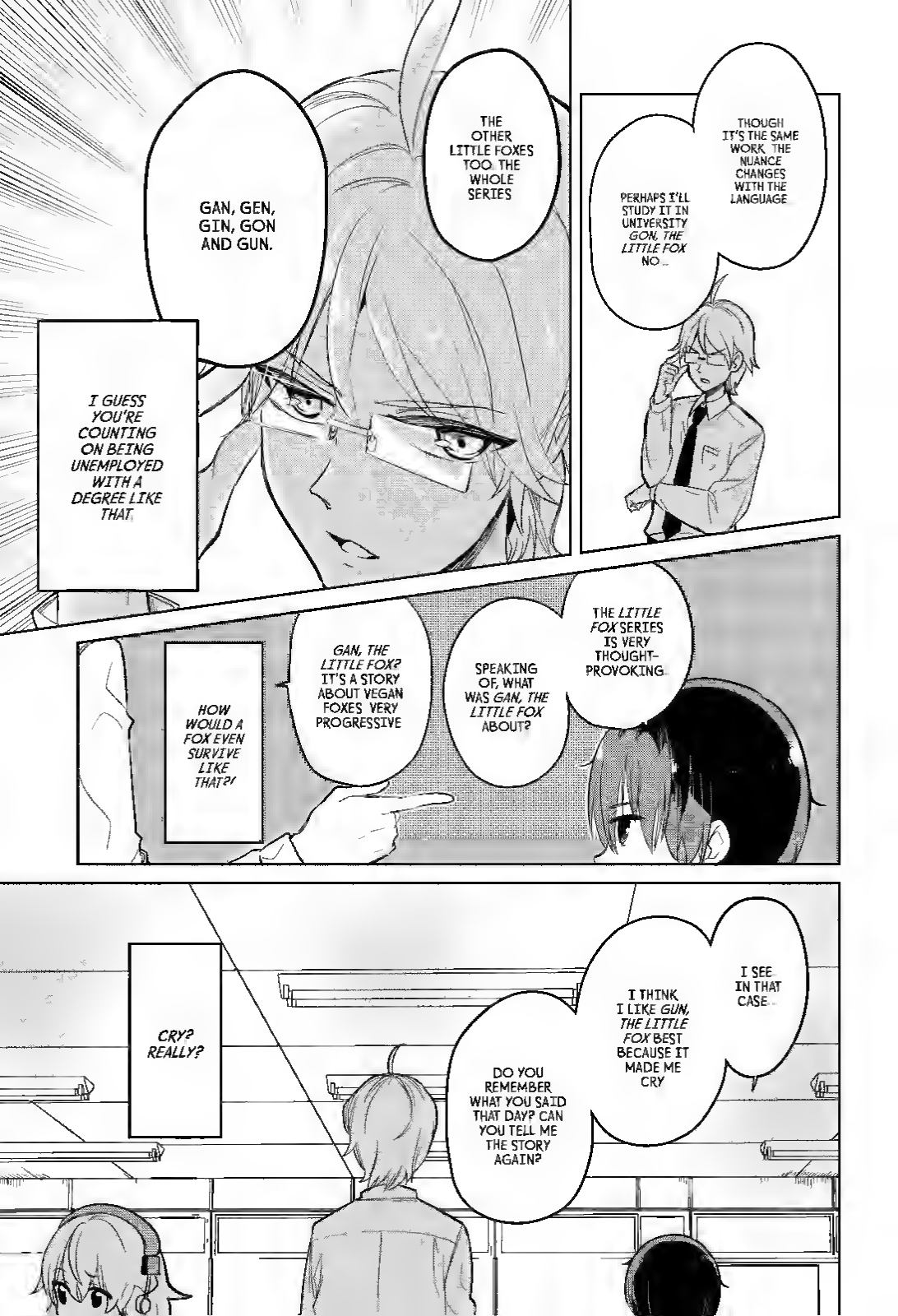
THANKS TO EAVES-DROPPING ON THEIR CONVERSA-TIONS.
THAT'S FROM GON, THE LITTLE FOX, ISN'T IT?
I'VE ALWAYS HAD A QUICK PICK-ME-UP CLOSE AT HAND
BUT LATELY I'VE BEEN THINKING
MAYBE, JUST MAYBE...
EAVES-DROPPING ISN'T THE ANSWER
MAYBE THERE'S A BETTER WAY
ABOUT THAT...
I REALIZED SOME-THING RECENTLY
AND WHAT'S THAT?

I REREAD THE ORIGINAL STORY THE OTHER DAY,
AND I COULDN'T FIND ANY INSTANCE OF THAT LINE
WHAT? IT'S NOT IN IT?

IN-DEED
DO YOU THINK IT MIGHT HAVE ORIGINATED FROM SOME-WHERE OTHER THAN *GON, THE LITTLE FOX*?
MAYBE SO
BUT WHICH OF THE OTHER *LITTLE FOX* STORIES WAS IT THEN?
I'M A LITTLE HESITANT ABOUT PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

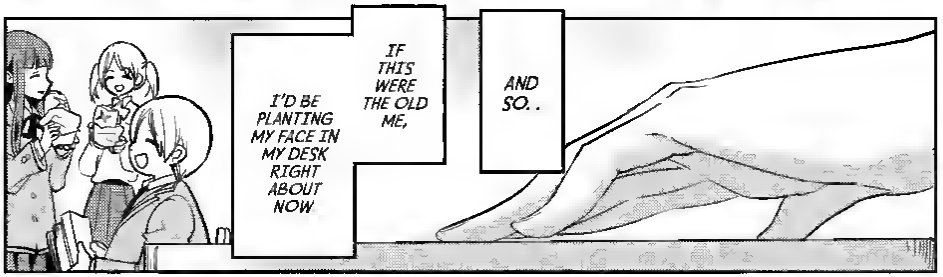
I'M NOT QUITE SURE
I'LL JUST KEEP AN EYE ON THEM FOR NOW
I MEAN, I JUST SORT OF HAPPENED TO OVERHEAR THEM TALKING!
MAYBE IT'S, YOU KNOW

GONE FOX.
SO THE FOXES HAVE MADE HIT THE INTERNA-TIONAL MARKET?!
PLAYING WITH TITLES IN A FUNNY WAY AGAIN, I SEE
I KNOW THERE'S A MOVIE WITH A SIMILAR TITLE GONE SOMETHING...
MAN, I KNOW IT'S NORMAL FOR THESE TOO, BUT STILL...
THEY THROW AROUND THE CRAZIEST IDEAS
I CAN THINK OF COUNTLESS COMEBACKS
YOU'RE REALLY DOING THAT?!
YOU'RE KIDDING!
SERI-OUSLY ?!
WHY?!
GONE FOX YOU MEAN THE INTER-NATIONAL EDITION?
STORIES OFTEN GET ALTERED IN TRANSLA-TION
LINES FROM THE ORIGINAL CAN END UP QUITE DIFFERENT
THAT MAKES SENSE. SO ENGLISH, HUH?


THE OTHER LITTLE FOXES TOO. THE WHOLE SERIES
GAN, GEN, GIN, GON AND GUN.
I GUESS YOU'RE COUNTING ON BEING UNEMPLOYED WITH A DEGREE LIKE THAT.
THOUGH IT'S THE SAME WORK, THE NUANCE CHANGES WITH THE LANGUAGE
PERHAPS I'LL STUDY IT IN UNIVERSITY
GON, THE LITTLE FOX NO...
THE LITTLE FOX SERIES IS VERY THOUGHT-PROVOKING.
SPEAKING OF, WHAT WAS GAN, THE LITTLE FOX ABOUT?
GAN, THE LITTLE FOX? IT'S A STORY ABOUT VEGAN FOXES VERY PROGRESSIVE
HOW WOULD A FOX EVEN SURVIVE LIKE THAT?!
I SEE. IN THAT CASE...
I THINK I LIKE GUN, THE LITTLE FOX BEST BECAUSE IT MADE ME CRY
DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT YOU SAID THAT DAY? CAN YOU TELL ME THE STORY AGAIN?
CRY? REALLY?

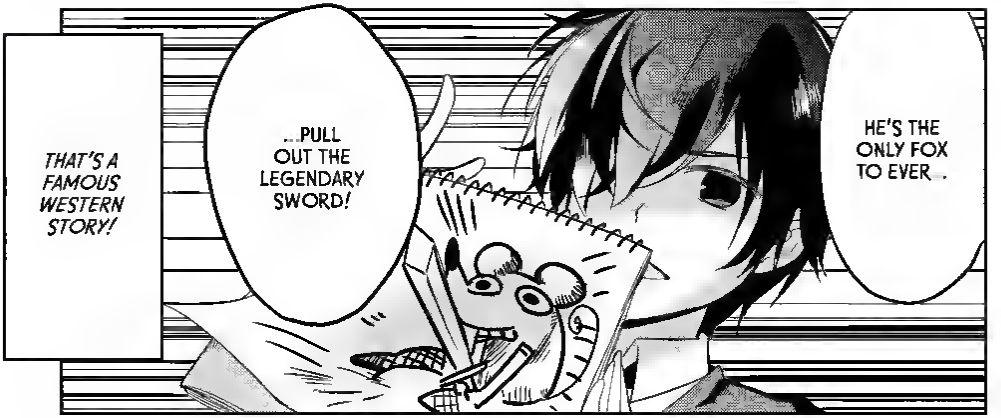
GUN
I DO THINK THE STORY OF GUN, THE LITTLE FOX HAS COME UP BEFORE.
WASN'T THE MORAL OF THE STORY TO SHOOT BEFORE YOU GET SHOT, OR SOMETHING?
THAT DOESN'T EXACTLY SOUND LIKE A TEAR-JERKER.
UNLESS IT WAS REALLY
A GRAND, HARD-BOILED TALE OF MEETING AND PARTING?!
NOW THAT'S THE KIND OF STORY I WANT TO HEAR!
AGAIN, HUH?
I REALLY WISH I COULD.

DON'T TRY TO COVER UP ALL YOUR BALONEY WITH POSITIVE THINKING!
I CAN'T BE EXPECTED TO REMEMBER EVERYTHING I'VE MADE UP IN THE PAST.
BUT I'M THE SORT OF PERSON THAT'S ALWAYS LOOKING TO THE FUTURE.


I'D BE PLANTING MY FACE IN MY DESK RIGHT ABOUT NOW
IF THIS WERE THE OLD ME,
AND SO..

HMPH
WELL, I'VE KNOWN YOU FOR A LONG TIME NOW
I WAS KIND OF AWARE OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT YOU WEREN'T TELLING THE TRUTH
HUH? ARE YOU SAYING YOU MADE IT UP?
YEAH, SORRY THE TRUTH IS THAT NONE OF THOSE STORIES EXIST
NOT GUN, THE LITTLE FOX OR GAN THE LITTLE FOX
BUT AS I AM NOW, I WON'T CRUMBLE FROM JUST THAT!
NOW, KEEP IT COMING!

BUT WHILE WE'RE CLEARING THE AIR...
GON, THE LITTLE FOX IS MADE UP TOO, ISN'T IT?
NO, THAT'S AN ACTUAL STORY!
DON'T FEEL SO DOWN!
WE'LL LEAVE IT FOR POSTERITY!
THE GREAT NEW FAIRY TALE GON, THE LITTLE FOX!
I JUST TOLD YOU THAT'S A REAL STORY! PAY YOUR RESPECTS TO THE AUTHOR!
IF IT DOESN'T EXIST, WE JUST HAVE TO WRITE IT!
THINK, MIKAGE!
WE COULD CREATE A SLENDID TALE THAT REALLY SPEAKS TO THE HEART!
CAN I COUNT ON YOU FOR ILLUSTRATIONS?
SURE.
SCRITCH SCRITCH
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS FOR A CHARACTER DESIGN?
I'LL THINK OF A NAME LATER
HIS SPECIAL TRAIT IS... LET'S SEE...
TAH
PAH
FOX
SCRITCH SCRITCH


HE'S THE ONLY FOX TO EVER...
...PULL OUT THE LEGENDARY SWORD!
THAT'S A FAMOUS WESTERN STORY!

A LEGENDARY SWORD?!
ISN'T THAT JUST LIKE GEN, THE LITTLE FOX?!
NOT EVEN CLOSE!

I'M SURE HE'D HAVE NO ISSUES DEFEATING HIS ENEMIES OR EVEN DEMONS!
NO, DON'T GO IN THIS DIRECTION!
IT'S A JAPANESE STORY! GON, THE LITTLE FOX IS A JAPANESE STORY!
IT SHOULD HAVE A MORE UNIQUELY JAPANESE FEEL TO IT!
HEH HEH NARA-KUN, THE POWER OF YOUR IMAGINATION...
...CONTINUES TO INSPIRE ME
DON'T TELL ME...

LET'S DO IT
GON, THE LITTLE FOX VERSUS GEN, THE LITTLE FOX
THE ULTIMATE BATTLE OF MIGHT AND MAGIC!
THAT'S SOOOOO LONG!

WHAT WOULD COMPEL THESE TWO FOXES TO FIGHT EACH OTHER?
THAT'S NOT HOW THE TRAGEDY OF THE STORY IS SUPPOSED TO BE SET UP!
FIDGET
FIDGET
FIDGET
FIDGET
GOOD I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME WE DECIDE ON A TAKEAWAY
HEH HEH I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE THINK-ING
INDEED THE LINE THAT COMES SO EASILY TO MIND
WHEN LIFE IS HARD AND YOU'RE STRUG-GLING
THE PERFECT THING TO CHEER YOU UP

I KNEW IT!
LIFE IS BEST WHEN YOU ALMOST MAKE IT, BUT--
IT'S BETTER TO REGRET WHAT YOU'VE DONE THAN WHAT YOU HAVEN'T!
I WAS WRONG?!
...
WHAP
YEAH. I THINK I SHOULD DO IT
THIS WAS JUST LIKE ANY OTHER TIME I'VE EAVES-DROPPED.
I'M GOING TO OUT-GROW MY HOBBY
THIS WILL BE THE FINISHING TOUCH TO MY HIGH SCHOOL CAREER.

TO ALL MY DEVOTED READERS THESE PAST FOUR YEARS, THANK YOU SO MUCH!

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